[Mr. Speaker] [7th December 1954

AMENDMENT.

In rule 11 of the said rules for the word " Magistrate " the word " Court " shall be substituted.' "

The motion was put and carried.

(3) AMENDMENT TO THE SCHEDULE TO THE MADRAS MOTOR VEHICLES (TAXATION OF PASSENGERS AND GOODS) ACT, 1952 (MADRAS ACT XVI OF 1952).

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, I move—

' *That the following draft of a rule proposed to be made by the Government of Madras under section* 4 (2) *of the Madras Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Act,* 1952 (*Madras Act XVI of* 1952), *amending the schedule to the said Act, be approved :—*

DRAFT RULE.

In the said Schedule, for sub-rule (3) *of rule* 1, *the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely :—*

" (3) *The amount of the composition fee calculated with reference to clause (a) or clause (b) of sub-rule* (1) *for the quarters ending with the* 31*st December* 1953, *the* 31*st March* 1954, *the* 30*th June* 1954, *the* 30*th September* 1954 *and the* 31*st December* 1954 *in respect of public carrier vehicles and for the quarters ending with the* 31*st December* 1953, *the* 31*st March* 1954 *and the* 30*th June* 1954 *in respect of stage carriages, which until the* 30*th September* 1953, *were plying on routes which have become inter-State routes as a result of the formation of the Andhra State with effect from the* 1*st October* 1953, *shall be payable at the same rates at which and at the same places where it was being paid for the quarter ending with the* 30*th September* 1953." ' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

' That the following draft of a rule proposed to be made by the Government of Madras under section 4 (2) of the Madras Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Act, 1952 (Madras Act XVI of 1952), amending the Schedule to the said Act, be approved :—

DRAFT RULE.

In the said Schedule, for sub-rule (3) of rule 1, the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely :—

" (3) The amount of the composition fee calculated with reference to clause (*a*) or clause (*b*) of sub-rule (1) for the quarters ending with the 31st December 1953, the 31st March 1954, the 30th June 1954, the 30th September 1954 and the 31st December 1954 in respect of public carrier vehicles and for the quarters ending with the 31st December 1953, the 31st March 1954 and the

30th June 1954 in respect of stage carriages, which until the 30th September 1953, were plying on routes which have become inter-State routes as a result of the formation of the Andhra State with effect from the 1st October 1953, shall be payable at the same rates at which and at the same places where it was being paid for the quarter ending with the 30th September 1953." ' "

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, I take this opportunity to bring to the notice of the Hon. Minister a fact which he has been promising to consider more than once. I draw his attention to the assurances he has given in respect of the minimum bus fare prevailing in many of the districts including Malabar which is five annas at present. That matter has been repeatedly brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister and a reduction of fare has been sought.

" He has promised to consider it. But to my knowledge so far no consideration seems to have been given. So I take this opportunity to impress upon him the fact that this is a matter which deserves careful consideration by the Government." 12-20 p.m.

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, I am answering an interpellation day after to-morrow on this particular question. But the motion which I have moved relates to the modification of the tax that is paid for inter-State routes."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, while supporting the draft rule that is before us, I wish to say that I know of an instance where the owner of a transport vehicle plying between Tiruttani and Madras had to pay the composition fee twice, once in the treasury at Tiruttani and a second time in the treasury at Chingleput. Though, under the rules he is required to pay this fee only once, it is a very difficult task for him to get a refund. Only after the intervention of some Assembly Members from the Madras State he was able to get the refund of composition fee from the Chingleput treasury. Now, the draft rule comes in very handy and we from this side of the House have great pleasure in supporting it."

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" If the hon. Member can bring a specific case to my notice, I shall be able to look into it."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the following draft of a rule proposed to be made by the Government of Madras under section 4 (2) of the Madras Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Act, 1952 (Madras Act XVI of 1952) amending the Schedule to the said Act, be approved :

DRAFT RULE.

In the said Schedule, for sub-rule (3) of rule 1, the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely :—

" (3) The amount of the composition fee calculated with reference to clause (*a*) or clause (*b*) of sub-rule (1) for the quarters ending with the 31st December 1953, the 31st March 1954, the 30th June 1954, the 30th September 1954 and the 31st December 1954 in respect of public carrier vehicles and for the quarters ending with the 31st December 1953, the 31st March 1954 and the 30th June 1954 in respect of stage carriages, which until the 30th September 1953, were plying on routes which have become inter-State routes as a result of the formation of the Andhra State with effect from the 1st October 1953, shall be payable at the same rates at which and at the same places where it was being paid for the quarter ending with the 30th September 1953." ' "

The motion was put and carried.

III.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES BILL, 1954.

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, with reference to the motion standing in my name, I wish to state that I had consultations with the various party leaders. In view of the importance of the Bill, they suggested that it should be referred to a Select Committee and I have agreed to their suggestion. Government consider that this Bill should be put through as early and as quickly as possible. So I beg to introduce the Madras Dramatic Performances Bill, 1954, and move,

> '*That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee with instructions to the Committee that its report be submitted on or before 13th December* 1954.'

The Committee may be asked to submit its report on or before next Monday. I shall furnish the list of names of the hon. Member a little later."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

' That the Madras Dramatic Performances Bill, 1954, be referred to a Select Committee with instructions to the Committee that its report be submitted on or before 13th December 1954.' "

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, I rise on a point of order as to the competence of the Government to introduce this Bill. According to me, this Bill as it stands to-day, contravenes the provisions of the Constitution and I feel that no State Government and for the matter of that no Government can bring forward such

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